

**FINAL / Minutes of the Tree and Landscape Board  
City Hall, City of College Park  
October 15, 2014**

<u>Term Exp.</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
	Brenda Alexander, Public Works Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Steven Beavers, Planning Representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1/31/2017	Gemma Evans, CBE Liaison,	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7/31/2013	Dennis Herschbach, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/30/2016	John Krouse, Chairperson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12/31/2014	John Lea-Cox, City Forester	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/30/2015	Janis Oppelt, CBE Liaison,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9/30.2016	Joseph Smith, Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10/31/2016	Mark Wimer, Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**I. Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** The September 17, 2014 Tree and Landscape Board meeting minutes were approved, with corrections.

**Moved:** Ms Oppelt  
**Aye:** Unanimous

**Second:** Mr. Beavers  
**Nay:** 0

**Abstain:** 0

**II. Permaculture Planting**

Mr. Beavers explained that on Friday, October 3, he joined Ms. Alexander and Mr. Smith of Forested Creative Ecology and marked off the planting beds with spray paint and discussed the planting details.

On site preparation day, October 4, there were about 25 residents who volunteered, including 4-5 students and Councilmember Wojahn, Brennan, and Hew; Also former Councilmember Catlin. Ms. Alexander arranged for the rental of a sod cutting machine, which kept stopping until a resident realized that the gas tank had been overfilled which caused vacuum problem.

October 5: the permaculture planting day began at 9:00 a.m. Although a few volunteers from Maryland University were expected, 3 vans arrived with about 30 students around 9:30 a.m. Mr. Smith gave a brief Permaculture 101 lecture, which the students seemed to enjoy. Approximately 150 plants were put in the ground. Five students have since contacted Mr. Beavers and have volunteered to assist with continuing maintenance. Approximately 6 cubic yards of mulch were put down. Markers that came in the pots were left, and there are plans to eventually have signs with icons which describe what the name of each plant, their purpose (food, spice, or medicine), and when their peak season occurs, etc. Councilmember Kabir was in attendance.

Many of the plants were purchased from Edible Landscapes and included the trees, apples, asian pears, paw paws, blueberries, currants, elderberries, and cherries; some other plants were purchased from Nature by Design; perennials and bayberries were purchased from Shemins; and comfrey and verbenas were mail ordered from Oregon.

This planting is Phase I of a 5-phase permaculture project from Greenbelt Road to the Berwyn neighborhood park, which is planned to be completed in 5 to 7 years. The planting is along Rhode Island Avenue at the trolley trail that starts at Greenbelt Road and goes to Tecumseh Street.

### **III. Park and Planning Follow-up Letter**

As suggested by the City Clerk, Ms. Alexander sent an email requesting information from the M-NCPPC and also invited the representatives to attend a TLB meeting, but there was no response. She followed up the email with phone calls, but still no response. The City Clerk then suggested that the City Council write a letter to the M-NCPPC, which was approved and mailed, and a copy of the letter was distributed to all members in attendance. Mr. Lea-Cox suggested that Mr. Grey (resident) also receive a copy of the City Council letter.

### **IV. Hollywood Gateway Park**

Ms. Alexander informed members that a revised planting plan for the Hollywood Gateway Park, which is located at the parcel of Edgewood Road and Route 1, has been received. The original plan had meadow planting all along the southern edge, and it was recommended that it be removed due to maintenance concerns; it has been removed. The revised plan includes some of the recommendations made by the TLB and plant selections suggested by Ms. Alexander; however, no plant list was included in the revised planting plan. Mr. Beavers provided the plan, which members reviewed and discussed.

### **V. Public Works**

- The yard will be open on Saturday, October 18, for the second cleanup Saturday; the shredding truck will be there from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Screened compost will be available for residents to pick up on Saturday. In addition, donations of clothing or household items will be accepted by the American Rescue Workers. Residents can also donate gardening items and outdoor construction project remnants for Community Forklift. The City also accepts donations of electronics. Molded foam will also be accepted for recycling.
- Pansies and tulips are currently being installed; there was also some storm cleanup this afternoon following the strong winds.
- Replacement trees will soon be planted throughout the City.
- Public Works is preparing for leaf collection, and the in-service training day will take place on Thursday, October 23. Curbside leaf collection will begin in November.

### **VI. Committee for a Better Environment (CBE)**

Ms. Oppelt stated that approximately 20-25 residents attended the Rain Barrel Workshop. Information about the Rebate Program was presented. Some new brochures are now on the CBE website.

### **VII. Adjournment**

The TLB meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next TLB meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Minutes prepared by Debra Pinkett, Contract Secretary for the City of College Park